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Last week we commented on the fact that the county treasurer and county attorney each had been allowed an assistant by the Board of Supervisors.

The county treasurer, as everyone knows is K. C. Ahana. In this issue we print a reply from him to our editorial.

Mr. Ahana tells us in a straightforward manner why he asked for his assistant and why the Board was justified in giving it to him. We are glad to print his letter because we believe, from the facts that he has given us, that he is entitled to help, that he has in the past given us good service as treasurer and that he will continue to do so in the future, proving to us that we did the right thing when we voted him into office.

But we are not sorry that we printed the "Help-Help-Assistants" editorial. We are tax payers and we want to know how our money is spent. We have found out and are satisfied.

IS IT COMING TO THIS?

The success of radio control of the battleship Iowa in the tests recently initiated to prove the efficiency of wireless control of unmanned ships, has shown that a ship may be controlled from the land or from an airplane 10,000 feet distant, and that it is feasible to send an unarmed ship into an enemy harbor, explode her magazines, sink the ship and block the channel. It is also proven that it is possible to bombard cities, fortifications or vessels from the air by dropping high explosives from giant, crewless airplanes under wireless radio control. Thus it is evident that war of the future will be a far different proposition from anything experienced in the past. No place upon the land or sea, or even in the air will be safe from an attacking enemy. Cities far inland may be bombarded from the air, and the frightful destruction and loss of life that is possible under conditions that the radio-wireless control makes possible are appalling. Why should these things be? Why not do away with war and every form of militarism before scientific research shall have developed agencies of destruction too horrible to contemplate? The experiences of the late war should be sufficient warning against carrying militarism too far. Since the close of hostilities inventive genius has produced gasses, high explosives and mechanisms that add untold horrors to the folly of militarism. Let us have peace. Let us not raise our children to become food for cannon or victims of the destructive agencies that modern science is perfecting for wholesale destruction or the extermination of mankind.

The fundamental idea of the institution of the American nation was a government that would serve the people, and in this its founders were successful; for it did good service for a century and a half, and then there came a change. We are now confronted with an enormous debt and unprecedented taxation, and the average citizen is now compelled to work to keep Uncle Sam out of bankruptcy. The tables are turned. It is the people who are now serving the government. They are called upon to pay four or five billions in taxes annually, or in other words the average citizen must pay \$50 per year for the support of the government, and this \$50 tax must be kept up for the next twenty-five years. Fortunately our resources are great and we will pay; but the lessons of the past five years should impress the American people with the necessity of a sound financial policy and economic administration of the national affairs.

All is not pleasant between England and France. The British claim that they have justifiable grounds for grievance, among which are a secret agreement between France and the Turkish Nationalists, withdrawal of commission from war criminal court at Leipzig, and refusal to take measures to restore the Upper Silesian question. It may be that when France's side of the question is heard she also may have a grievance. Great Britain is rarely satisfied with anything that is not entirely in her favor, and it may be said with no less degree of truth, that the United States was not satisfied with Great Britain's League of Nations.

A woman will stand right up in public and say she has the best husband on earth, but she never says she expects to meet him in heaven.

Ask any man his idea of a good wife and he'll say that it's one who never says: "I told you so."

A GOOD SCOUT

Last Thursday the tide and waves were such that the Spouting Horn at Koloa was an exceptionally fine sight. Great volumes of water were shot into the air with a force and a beauty that are seldom seen.

Someone who chanced to be passing the spot early in the morning had a bulletin chalked on the blackboard in front of the Lihue Store. Many people saw the sign and as a result those that could do so went to see the sight. It was well worth their trouble.

We don't know who it was that took the trouble to report in on it, but we do know he or she is a good scout and a community booster. If more of us would do these little things that require so little effort and that in the long run help so much, we would soon have a community that would be known far and wide as THE place to live.

The report of the comptroller of New York shows that of the sixty-seven millionaires in the United States, forty are residents of New York and pay taxes there, each paying taxes upon incomes in excess of one million dollars. Other states have a few such individuals within their borders. Pennsylvania has nine; New Jersey, Delaware and Massachusetts have three each; and Illinois and Maryland have two each; Ohio, Michigan, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Texas have one each. Americans are great spenders abroad, and it is little wonder that Europeans have gained an impression that all Americans are in the millionaire class. The prodigality of American tourists has created a belief that dollars grow upon trees in America. The United States is paying dearly for this false impression, which is leading thousands annually to our shores, where they expect to find fabulous wealth. Thousands come here to be disappointed and ultimately to join the masses of discontented disturbers of the peace.

The League of Nations is proving to be a very expensive luxury, especially for the small nations. Sir Eric Drummond, the secretary general, receives a salary of \$120,000 per year. The second and third under-secretaries each receive a salary of \$40,000 per annum. Six directors receive all-together \$150,000 per year. Eight commissioners receive \$12,000 per year each, while the head of the international labor bureau receives \$72,000 per year, and he, being a socialist, must be somewhat embarrassed in having so much money forced upon him.

W. E. St. John, president of the Oregon Growers' Co-operative association, placed an apple in a jar ten years ago and covered it with a liquid mixture similar to that now being used by the bootleggers in the manufacture of their product. Recently he removed the apple and found it to be stone, or something like it. This may be the reason why certain individuals, after having inbibed too freely, were said to be "ossified," meaning plain drunk, otherwise, "dead to the world."

It is estimated that there are 1,000,000 dope fiends in the United States, and that habit is spreading. It is reported by police officers of the larger cities that from 75 to 90 per cent of the major crimes are committed by habitual users of cocaine. Other drugs leave a trail of woe and crime. Public opinion is awakening to the menace, and drastic measures are to be taken to stamp out the evil that is bringing such a large percentage of our young men and women into lives of slavery and suffering.

To become famous in one's own town is rare. Many a so called and so taken ordinary fellow has gone out of the community in which he was born and reared to make fame and fortune. When he came back to the old home town he was awe-inspiring; but he had to go away to achieve the fame. The boys with whom he associated in youth would never have acknowledged his superiority in any line. The old men looked upon him as a common-place fellow. They knew his father and his mother; his grandfather and his grandmother, and about all his relatives. To acquire fame he had to cut old associations.

It has been our observation that the fellow who says "You can't believe all you see in the papers," is the one who keeps right on borrowing it from his neighbor.

Few boys can recall the time when both their neck and ears were clean enough to suit their mother.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

We have the following letter and explanation from the county treasurer which we gladly print.—Ed.

It appears to be my duty to make an explanation to the people of Kauai in regard to the employment of a clerk in my office. When I ran for county treasurer in 1919, I told the people that, should I be elected, I would save the county the expense of hiring a permanent clerk. I kept my promise and naturally in my last campaign I used that as one of my grounds for re-election, a thing which I thought should be considered by the voting public and tax payers. During our last campaign I was not certain whether or not the additional work caused by the new laws would warrant my getting an assistant; hence I did not say anything in that regard one way or the other. I did not want to tell the public that I would again do the work myself to get their votes and then, right after getting their support through such a statement, engage a clerk.

During the last session of the Legislature, various laws were passed, giving my office a great deal of additional work—work that is absolutely new to the treasurer's office. I only realized the necessity of getting a clerk after going to Honolulu and finding out what my new duties consisted of. In order to make it clear, I will cite to you the substance of these laws:

Act 158, Session Laws of 1921, provides that, from January 1st, 1922 (a) the treasurer collect all automobile taxes; this work was done heretofore by the tax department through its various deputies and involves a collection of about \$40,000 per year. (b) The treasurer will have to register all automobiles; register same in a permanent record book and also report to the sheriff of such registration. This was the work of the sheriff's department. It might be true that this work will not begin until the first of January, but preparations and the breaking in of a clerk must be done prior to that time.

Act 13 provides that all stores selling firearms are subject to a \$10 yearly license. This is another new item. Act 17 provides that all aliens in possession of firearms will have to get a \$5 license from the treasurer yearly.

It also provides that all rice planters having firearms in their possession must get a license from the treasurer. All these are something new.

I wish to call to the attention of the public that, though I was granted \$125 per month for a clerk, by mutual agreement, my clerk is also to do and has been doing the county road supervisor's office work. She is to receive \$75 from my office and \$50 from the road supervisor's; there fore, in reality, I am getting only part of my clerk's time.

In order to properly carry out the provisions of the law, I feel that I am absolutely justified in employing a clerk. I am willing at all times to "work for my money," and would have gone without any clerical assistance had not these new laws been passed and so much additional work placed in my office, rendering it no longer a one-man's job. I feel sure that the people of Kauai, after knowing the real facts of this case and after reading the foregoing explanation, will side with me and say, "County Treasurer K. C. Ahana is justly and reasonably entitled to a clerk at this time."

K. C. AHANA,
Treasurer, County of Kauai.

NEWSPAPERS IN CHINA

An interesting question is raised as to what would become of the news-print paper manufacturers of the United States if a habit was followed in this country which is in vogue in China. Trade Commissioner Sanger has just returned to Washington from China, bringing back a story about the way newspapers are distributed in that country. China is a land of two extremes in newspaper work. In that country he says, are some of the best equipped newspaper offices in the world and some of the worst.

In China, says Mr. Sanger, a man rents his newspaper if he wants, to the first subscriber who pays top price. At the time agreed on, it is taken from him and delivered to the second man on the list, who gets it a little cheaper. Thus it passes on from hand to hand, getting ever cheaper, dirtier and more forlorn until finally nothing is left but shreds.

Two fundamentals
necessary to business
success are
intelligence and experience,

Therefore, to save a portion
of your income,
will prove that
you are grounded in one fundamental;
and as experience is gained,
intelligence being in the ascendant,
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all possible benefit that
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